

Special points of interest:

- New South Valley Shuttle Begins Operation, contact Regina Detrick for schedule.
- Emergency Roadside Assistance number 1-800-CAR-CARE.

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Capitol Hill Fuel Site Removed



The fueling site located at the northeast corner of the State Capitol was recently removed as part of a Capitol Hill beautification project and to eliminate some safety issues. Removal of fuel dispensers and demolition of the adjacent ITS and vehicle service buildings began August 9, 2000. The project was completed with the removal of the underground fuel storage tanks on the 22 and 23 of August. The environmental study of the area will be released sometime in September, however there is no evidence of any leakage from the tanks, which had been replaced as recently as 1988.

The tank removal had been on the agenda of the Capitol Preservation Board for many years, however possible Y2K problems postponed the project until the spring of 2000.

Department of Administrative Services Director, Raylene Ireland said, "Jack [Quintana, from DFCM] and I talked about the situation with the tank about five years ago, and made the point that it was not safe to have fuel tanks on Capitol Hill. We decided that [it] needed to be taken out, but we would wait for Y2K to come and go, so that if there were any disruption in fuel supply, we would be able to fuel a portion of the State fleet, from the hill, and kept things operational."

One safety concern is that the Capitol is built near a seismic fault and it was felt that in the event of an earthquake, the fuel tanks posed a substantial fire risk.

"Clearly any kind of earthquake activity on the Hill could rupture that tank and start a fire," Ireland said, while adding that a seismic retrofit of the Capitol has

been recently proposed.

Another area of concern is the recent increase in violent activity, not only in the world and the U.S., but in our State, our City and even here on Capitol Hill. According to David Hart of the Capitol Preservation Board, during the last Legislative Session, several of the Legislators received threatening phone calls. Most of the calls were just angry people blowing off steam, however some of the calls were taken very seriously, and Hart said the number of this type of call "seems to be increasing every year".

"The fuel tank, as you know, contains a bunch of flammable stuff, and if somebody wanted to do some kind of harmful act, it wouldn't take much to make a big explosion. And in recent months, with the various things that have happened across the country and here in Salt Lake it seems prudent to take whatever steps are necessary to protect primarily the people [working in the building], but also the building itself," he said.

The Preservation Board is aware that for close to 40-years, employees of the State have had the convenience of fueling State-owned vehicles on the Hill, but they feel that the safety concerns far outweigh the need for a fuel-site located so close to a public building.

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Second Annual DFO Employee Retreat Deemed Success

The Division of Fleet Operations held their Second Annual Employee Retreat at the Downtown Holiday Inn on August 18 and 21. The retreat was spread out over two days to ensure that all full-time employees were able to attend, while continuing to provide fleet services to State employees.

This year's agenda included speakers such as Connie Reed from Risk Management, who spoke on diversity in the workplace. Kerri Adams (Friday) and Chuck Butler (Monday) provided Sexual Harassment Prevention Training, which all State employees are required to attend every three years. The Division's own David Rees offered insight into becoming a paperless Division, while Surplus Manager David Regan explained how the Surplus Program works and filled everyone in on the exciting new plans to take Surplus Sale to the Web. Participants of the retreat were also treated to a showing of the "Ultimate Driving Challenge" a defensive driver training video offered through Risk Management. At the completion of the video a test was administered and those with passing grades received a Safety Award Certificate. (Perfect scores were received Division wide.) However, the highlight of the daylong sessions was a program presented by the Division's Deputy Director, Margaret Chambers (Haacke) called "Who Moved My Cheese?".

The Cheese Program is based on a book by the same name written by Dr. Spencer Johnson. The two-hour presentation illustrated several different ways that people handle change in their lives. As part of the program, participants are asked to break into groups. The groups are split based upon which of the four characters, from the book, that each participant feels they are most like when dealing with change either in the workplace or in their personal lives. The purpose of the exercise is to help people recognize how they deal with change and may even offer insight on how to handle change better in the future. Everyone seemed to enjoy the activity and getting to know our new employees better.

Lanna Harrison of the Surplus Property Program said, "It was so much fun, and interesting, that it was hard not to get caught up in the spirit."

The close of this retreat was an Awards Banquet held at the Holiday Inn Monday night. As part of the program, attorney Robert Bentley spoke on "putting perspective in our lives". After the meal, Division Director Steve Saltzgiver, handed out this year's awards. Longevity Awards went to Kathryn Anderson, of the Fuel Network, and Frank Mortensen, from Shuttle Services, for 5 years of service, Bob Seele, also from the Fuel Network, for 10 years and Ed Heath, from Shuttle Service hit the 30 year mark this past year. The honor of Employee of the Year went to Angie Watson of the Division's IT Team.

Executive Secretary Carol Law, who was a member of this year's planning committee said, "I felt it was successful. We had another great year full of fun and excitement."



Michelle Werner and Lanna Harrison show off the Safety Awards they received after completing test.

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-Carol Law

Angie Watson Named DFO Employee of the Year



Steve Saltzgiver, Angie Watson, Margaret Chambers

The Division of Fleet Operations is proud to announce that the first "Employee of the Year" for the new millennium is Angie Watson. She is the Division's CARS/PLUS Administrator and was chosen for her dedication to her job and her many innovative ideas.

Watson was

originally hired as a temporary shuttle driver for the 1998 Legislative session. At the conclusion of the session she was asked to stay on and do some data entry work before ending her temporary employment. She was soon hired as a full-time employee and quickly
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SUV And Small Truck Tire Recall Information



As part of the nationwide safety recall of the Firestone ATX, ATXII and Wilderness AT tires, as many as 260 State-owned vehicles may be receiving some new tires. Although there have been no accidents

reported in Utah associated with the faulty tires, the Division of Fleet Operations is encouraging drivers of State-owned SUV's and smaller model pick-up trucks to inspect their tires to see if they are part of the recall.

The tires that are slated to be replaced are the Firestone P235/75R15, and the same size Wilderness AT tires with the additional Department of Transportation coding of the letters VD. Visit http://mirror.bridgestone-firestone.com/reading_tires.pdf provided by the Bridgestone/Firestone Company, for help on where to find the markings and general information on how to read

tire markings. You will need an Adobe Acrobat Reader to view this file. Additional assistance in determining if tires are part of the recall can be obtained through a toll-free line also provided by the tire company. The number is 1-800-465-1904, however it is reportedly difficult to get through on this line.

Drivers of vehicles equipped with tires involved in the recall should verify, and keep the tires at the proper 30 pounds of pressure. Under inflated tires can cause the tread to separate from the tire, which may lead to an accident. Drivers are also encouraged to contact their local tire dealership immediately for information on when the tire exchange is scheduled in their area and the possibility of being placed on a scheduled replacement list.

DFO will be forwarding recall information to leasing agencies as they arrive. Drivers are asked to get the tire exchange as soon as possible, once they have received the recall notification. Or visit <http://mirror.bridgestone-firestone.com/news/corporate/news/000815a.htm> to expedite the procedure.

The foam was purchased by the fire agencies throughout the State for a mere \$4 per-gallon.

Hello . . . Goodbye

Teresa Tuttle

The Division of Fleet Operations would like to welcome Teresa Tuttle to the Motor Pool team. She has accepted the position of Office Tech in which she handles the accidents involving State-owned vehicles. As part of her job she processes the paperwork and schedules repairs for damaged vehicles that have not been classified as totaled by Risk Management.

Tuttle comes to the Division from a four-year nanny position in New Jersey, where she worked for "the same family all four years". While in New Jersey she also attended school at National Academy of Paralegal Studies. After returning to Utah she worked at Jordan Valley Hospital, as the Office Manager for the Radiology

Department for more than three years. She decided to accept the position with Motor Pool because she thought it sounded interesting and she "needed a new challenge."

Joe Flora

Joe Flora comes to the Division after working for Serge's Auto Body and Paint for more than 10 years. He was forced to change careers due to medical problems. Flora actually started his employment with the State in January 2000. He was hired as a temporary shuttle driver to drive for this year's Legislative session. He continued to drive shuttle until he was hired in July, to be the Auto Service Worker, located at the Division's Draper Offices.

The Division of Fleet Operations would like to welcome Joe Flora to Motor Pool team.

Cori Rackley

The newest member of the Division's Accounting Team is Cori Rackley, who drives 81 miles, each way, to and from work every day. Rackley lives in Evanston Wyoming and she said that the drive "only takes her an hour and ten minutes". She has originally applied for a position with the State's Port of Entry near the border, but when Accounting Manager Gary Robertson offered the Accountant Tech position, she gladly accepted.

"I love accounting and numbers, everyone thinks I'm crazy. Especially my husband," Rackley said.

In the past she has worked as a mortgage loan processor and was a family support volunteer for the Army. She has lived in several states including Hawaii, Arizona and Utah.

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DFO would like to welcome Cori Rackley to the Division's Accounting Team and to wish her a safe journey each and every day.

Jana Petersen

DFO bids a fond farewell to Jana Petersen who will be leaving the Motor Pool team for a position with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). She will now be the Customer Service Specialist for UDOT.

Petersen became a State employee in August of 1996, she worked for the Comprehensive Emergency Management program with the Department of Public Safety for three months before being moved a position with the Fleet Services Program in the same department. In July of 2000, that position was transferred to DFO.

DFO would like to wish Jana Petersen good luck with her new job, but we can't because we don't want her to leave. So we will simply say farewell.

Brian McIlrath

DFO would like to wish Brian McIlrath good fortune in his new adventure as Accountant III for the Human Services Department.

McIlrath started with the State in November of 1998 as an Accountant II for the Division of Fleet Operations. In his short, but happy, time with DFO he has pinched pennies for the Fuel and Administration programs.

Before becoming a member of the DFO team, McIlrath worked for a construction company, where was also an accountant. He received his degree in Accounting from Weber State University. And is married with three children.

McIlrath leaves a short legacy with a dark sense of humor and will be greatly missed by some, but not all. (McIlrath would like to offer his "pat on the back [hand]" that he received as part of a Recognition Award to the highest bidder. . . 538-3197.)

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moved up the "career ladder" and has been with the Division's IT department in the CARS Administrator position for more than 18 months.

During her short time in this position Watson has designed a training manual and training sessions for the FleetAnywhere/CARS programs, developed criteria and reports for monitoring system conformity, she supports all of the Division's FleetAnywhere customers with a friendly help desk manner and creates reports within the system. She has recently doubled her duties by taking on the same role for the Surplus Tracking System referred to as the PLUS program.

Deputy Director, Margaret Chambers, who is Watson's direct supervisor, said, "Angie is so conscientious and meticulous in her work, how could she not have been chosen."

DFO would like to ask everyone to join in congratulating Angie Watson in her new honor.

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"At one time having that here was incredibly functional, because Capitol Hill was the hub of State activity. But things have changed and we've changed, and rightly so. This may be a bit of an inconvenience for people who have counted on fueling here, but I think that the other factors far out weigh the difficulties that we might cause with inconvenience," Ireland said, who is also a member of the Preservation Board.

She would like everyone to know that "This is good news! It's good news in terms of safety of stability of events on the Hill, and this is just [one] step being taken to make the Capitol a more secure environment. It's just good news, and it's an indicator that more changes are coming that will make Capitol Hill a more secure area."

Incentive Award Winners For August



The Division of Fleet Operations would like to congratulate the team members who have been nominated and awarded for their efforts during this past month.

Recognition Awards (a pat on the back) were received by Kathryn Anderson from the Fuel Network, Steve Canning from the Fuel Network (received 2 awards), Sam Wood from the State Surplus Program, Lanna Harrison from the State Surplus Program, Jeff Done, Manager of the Fuel Network, Sam Lee from the Administration Program, Peter

Musser from the IT program, Alison Taylor from the Administration Program (received 2 awards), Angie Watson from the Administration Program and Kim Willette (see Photo) from the Accounting Program.

Once seven recognition awards have been received by a member of the Fleet Team, they will get a Paid Day-Off!!

Extra Mile Awards (monetary) were received by Kathryn Anderson from the Fuel Network, Gala Dumas from the Administration Program, Ron Gibbens from the Federal Surplus Property Program and Kim Willette from the Accounting Program.

To nominate a co-worker for an Incentive Award during the month of September, submit the form on or before Tuesday September 19.

<http://fleet.state.ut.us/incentiveaward.html>